

1. A grave marker memorabilia compartment assembly adapted to couple to a grave marker and to provide display and storage for mementos and other items of memorabilia, said grave marker memorabilia compartment assembly comprising:

5                   a grave marker plate;

                      a retainer coupled to an underside of said grave marker plate for retaining the mementos and other items of memorabilia; and

                      a retainer door formed in said grave marker plate having an open and closed position, the mementos and other items of memorabilia

10                 viewable when said retainer door is in the open position.

2. The assembly of claim 1 further comprising a transparent member juxtaposed between said retainer and said underside of said grave marker plate.
3. The assembly of claim 2 further comprising a sealing gasket juxtaposed between said transparent member and said underside of said grave marker plate to form an airtight and watertight seal.
4. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said grave marker plate is generally rectangular having a pair of sides extending in a longitudinal direction and a pair of sides extending in a traverse direction.
5. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said retainer comprises a bottom wall and at least one side wall defining an opening at a top end thereof, said at least one side wall having an outwardly extending lip adjacent said opening, said retainer coupling to said underside of said grave marker plate along said lip.
6. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said retainer door is generally rectangular having a longer pair of sides extending in a longitudinal direction and a shorter pair of sides extending in a traverse direction.

7. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said retainer door is hinged to said grave marker plate.

8. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said retainer door has a top surface forming at least a portion of a top surface of said grave marker plate when in the closed position, said retainer door top surface including an inscription therein.

9. The assembly of claim 1 wherein at least one of said retainer door and said grave marker plate further comprises a latch for securing said retainer door in the closed position.

10. 10. The assembly of claim 1 further comprising a flower receptacle comprising:  
a flower receptacle door formed in said grave marker plate and having an open and closed position; and  
a tube coupled to an underside of said flower receptacle door, said tube having an axis along a length of said tube, the axis being in a substantially vertical orientation when said flower receptacle door is in the open position, said tube adapted to receive flowers when said flower receptacle door is in the open position.

11. The assembly of claim 1 further comprising a candle receptacle comprising:

a candle receptacle door formed in said grave marker plate and having an open and closed position; and

5 a tube coupled to an underside of said candle receptacle door, said tube having an axis along a length of said tube, the axis being in a substantially vertical orientation when said candle receptacle door is in the open position, said tube adapted to receive a candle when said candle receptacle door is in the open position.

10 12. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said grave marker plate is made from at least one of a bronze, an aluminum, and a composite material.

13. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said retainer is made from at least one of a composite material and a metal.

14. The assembly of claim 2 wherein said transparent member is 15 made from at least one of a tempered glass, plexiglass, and lexan.

15. A grave marker having a memorabilia compartment for mementos and other items of memorabilia comprising:  
a generally rectangular base for interment into the ground and having a recess formed in a top surface thereof; and,  
5 a grave marker memorabilia compartment assembly coupled to said base, said memorabilia compartment assembly comprising:  
a grave marker plate;  
a retainer coupled to an underside of said grave marker plate for retaining the mementos and other items of memorabilia; and  
10 a retainer door formed in said grave marker plate having an open and closed position, the mementos and other items of memorabilia viewable when said retainer door is in the open position;  
said retainer being positioned in said recess of said base when said grave marker memorabilia compartment assembly is coupled to said  
15 base.

16. The grave marker of claim 15 further comprising a transparent member juxtaposed between said retainer and said underside of said grave marker plate.

17. The grave marker of claim 16 further comprising a sealing gasket juxtaposed between said transparent member and said underside of said grave marker plate to form an airtight and watertight seal.

18. The grave marker of claim 15 wherein said grave marker plate is generally rectangular having a pair of sides extending in a longitudinal direction and a pair of sides extending in a traverse direction.

19. The grave marker of claim 15 wherein said retainer comprises a bottom wall and four side walls defining an opening at a top end, said side walls having an outwardly extending lip adjacent said opening, said retainer coupling to said underside of said grave marker plate along said lip.

20. The grave marker of claim 15 wherein said retainer door is generally rectangular having a longer pair of sides extending in a longitudinal direction and a shorter pair of sides extending in a traverse direction.

21. The grave marker of claim 15 wherein said retainer door is hinged to said grave marker plate.

22. The grave marker of claim 15 wherein said retainer door has a top surface forming at least a portion of a top surface of said grave marker plate when in the closed position, said retainer door top surface including an inscription therein.

5 23. The grave marker of claim 15 wherein at least one of said retainer door and said grave marker plate further comprises a latch for securing said retainer door in the closed position.

24. The grave marker of claim 15 further comprising a flower receptacle comprising:

10 a flower receptacle door formed in said grave marker plate and having an open and closed position; and

a tube coupled to an underside of said flower receptacle door, said tube having an axis along a length of said tube, the axis being in a substantially vertical orientation when said flower receptacle door is in the open position, said tube adapted to receive flowers when said flower receptacle door is in the open position.

25. The grave marker plate of claim 15 further comprising a candle receptacle comprising:

a candle receptacle door formed in said grave marker plate and having an open and closed position; and

5 a tube coupled to an underside of said candle receptacle door, said tube having an axis along a length of said tube, the axis being in a substantially vertical orientation when said candle receptacle door is in the open position, said tube adapted to receive a candle when said candle receptacle door is in the open position.

10 26. The grave marker of claim 15 wherein said recess in said base is a hole extending through said base.

27. The grave marker of claim 15 wherein said grave marker plate is made from at least one of a bronze, an aluminum, and a composite material.

15 28. The grave marker of claim 15 wherein said retainer is made from at least one of a composite material and a metal.

29. The grave marker of claim 16 wherein said transparent member is made from at least one of a tempered glass, plexiglass, and lexan.

30. The grave marker of claim 15 wherein said base is made from at least one of a granite, marble, and concrete.